

In the Claims:

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1 to 26 Canceled.

27. (Currently Amended) An elastomeric material comprising:
a base polymer ~~having carboxylate groups~~;
a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof;
a compound including a divalent or trivalent metal;
an amine or amino compound; and
a neutralizing agent to neutralize at least a portion of the
carboxylate groups in the base polymer;
wherein the carboxylic acid or derivative thereof provides a level
of carboxyl groups sufficient to crosslink with the base polymer and to complex with the
divalent or trivalent metal, and wherein the elastomeric material does not comprise an
accelerator, thiuram or carbamate.

28. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the
elastomeric material has a tensile strength from about 1800 psi to about 4000 psi.

29. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the
elastomeric material has a tensile strength from about 2000 psi to about 2500 psi.

30. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the
elastomeric material has a 500% modulus from about 350 psi to about 2000 psi.

31. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the
elastomeric material has a 500% modulus from about 400 psi to about 800 psi.

32. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the
elastomeric material has an elongation from about 500 psi to about 800 psi.

33. (Original) The elastomeric material of Claim 27, wherein the elastomeric material has an elongation from about 600 psi to about 700 psi.

Claims 34-37 Canceled